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FOR: **ALFALFA PLANTS HAVING IMPROVED STANDABILITY AND/OR FAST
RECOVERY AFTER HARVEST AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING SAME**

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